

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No: 190250-1510

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(THIRD of THREE Inventors)

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of **BellSouth Intellectual Property Corporation** and their assigns and legal representatives;

For the same consideration, I, by these presence do sell, assign and transfer to **BellSouth Intellectual Property Corporation** the full, exclusive and entire right, title and interest in and to any foreign application or applications corresponding to said application, in whole or in part, in countries other than the United States, in and to any Patents and similar protective rights granted on said foreign application, and in and to the right to claim any applicable priority rights arising from or required for said foreign application under the terms of any applicable conventions, treaties, statutes, or regulations; said foreign applications to be filed and issued in the name of **BellSouth Intellectual Property Corporation** and or their respective designees, insofar as permitted by applicable law;

AND, for the same consideration, I agree to sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and other applications, make all assignments and rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid **BellSouth Intellectual Property Corporation** their successors, assigns, and nominees, to obtain and enforce proper protection for all said inventions and improvements in all countries throughout the world.

12-04-03  
Date

Diane C. Thornton  
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STATE OF NC

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of NC, on this 4<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2003, personally appeared **Diane C. Thornton**, who being duly sworn, signed and acknowledged the foregoing Assignment as his free act and deed.

Shawn Wood  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: APRIL 22, 2006

